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October 2003		
Children's Plush Toys	Neurosmith company is recalling 4,400 "Pet Me Platypus" musical plush toys. Any of the four plastic button covers can detach, posing a choking hazard. The item was sold exclusively at Target stores nationwide from August 2003 to October 2003 for \$20.	Consumers should immediately stop children from playing with this toy and contact company at (800) 220-3669 ext. 1666 for free replacement of Pet Me Platypus.
September 2003		
Toy Necklace	L.M. Becker Co. Inc is recalling 1.4 million toy necklaces. The necklace's pendant contains high levels of lead posing a risk of poisoning to young children. The item was sold nationwide from 3/2002 to 4/2003 for 50 cents.	Consumers should contact the company for a refund. The company may be contacted at 888.869.6569 or visit the firm's website at www.toynjoy.com .
Swim Trainers	Swimways Corporation is recalling 3400 "swim trainers." The nylon body strap on the swim trainer can detach or tear from the floatation device and release a child into the water, posing a drowning hazard to young children. Items sold nationwide from 1/2003 to 7/2003 for \$12.	Consumers should stop using the swim trainers immediately and return to the company for a full refund. Consumers should contact the company at 800.889.7946 or visit the firm's website at www.swimways.com .
Baby Walkers	SunTech Enterprises Inc. is recalling 4,100 baby walkers. The walkers will fit through a standard doorway, however they	Consumers should return item to store for a refund or contact the company for a refund. Consumers may contact the company at 866.992.5766.

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	are not designed to stop at the edge of a step. Babies using these walkers can be injured or killed if they fall down stairs. Items sold nationwide from 11/2002 to 4/2003 from \$15-\$25	
Children's Books	Simon & Schuster is recalling a heavy cardboard book titled "Whose Birthday Is It" A small plastic replica of a balloon is attached to the book, which may detach posing a choking hazard to young children. The book was sold nationwide August 2003 for \$10.	Consumers should remove the book from young children and contact company to receive a replacement book. Consumers should contact the company at 800.223.2336 or visit the firms website at www.simonsayskids.com .
Pacifiers	Apothecary Products Inc. is recalling 154,000 "Comforts" pacifiers. These pacifiers fail federal safety tests, come apart and can pose a choking hazard to infants and young children. The UPC codes are: 35826, 35827, 35828 and 35829. The items were sold at Kroger stores from 8/2002 to 8/2003 for about \$5.	Consumers should return item to store where purchased from for a full refund. Consumers may contact the Kroger at 800.632.6900 or the manufacturer at 866.274.7956 for additional information.
August 2003		
Children's Puzzle	Small World Toys is recalling 3,000 Truck Puzzles. One of the puzzle pieces poses a choking hazard to small children. The item was sold nationwide from 2/2003 to 8/2003 for \$10.	Consumers should stop young children from using the toys and return item to store where purchased for a refund. The company may be contacted at 800.421.4135 or visit the firm's website at www.smallworldtoys.com .

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July 2003		
Easter plush toys	Small World is recalling 75,000 "Egg Dippers" Easter Plush Toys. The toys seam may separate, allowing small beads to be released causing a choking hazard. The recall includes four animal plush toys. The item was sold nationwide from 2/2003 to 4/2003 for \$8.	Consumers should contact the company on information on getting a free replacement toy. Contact the company at 800.377.3050
Toy staking rings	International Playthings Inc. is recalling 5000 "Earlyears Bobbie Bear Stacking Rings." The plastic knobs on the rings can detach, posing a choking hazard. The item was sold nationwide from 4/2002 to 3/2003 for \$10.	Consumers should contact the company at 800.445.8347 for instructions on how to return the item to receive a free replacement item of similar value. The company's web address is www.intplay.com .
Home Trends Kiddy Sling Chair	Wal-mart Stores Inc. is recalling 75,200 "Home Trends Kiddy Sling Chairs." The small plastic bolt covers pose a choking hazard.	Consumers should remove the plastic bolt covers or return the chair to Wal-mart for a refund. The company may be contacted at 800.925.6278 or visit the firm's website at www.walmartstores.com .
June 2003		
Crib Drop-Side Rails	Babi Italia/LaJobi Inc is recalling 2000 drop-side rails for "Tiffany" and "Josephine" model cribs. The slats on the drop-side rails may come loose or detach, posing an entrapment hazard. The "Tiffany" model was manufactured from 6/2001 to 10/2001. The "Josephine" model was	Consumers should stop using the cribs immediately. Contact the company at 877.440.2224 or visit website at www.babiitalia.com to receive replacement drop-side rails.

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	manufactured from 1/2001 to 8/2001. The items were sold thru Babies R Us from 6/2001 to 1/2003 for \$500.	
Crib Mobile Toys	Fisher-Price is recalling 233,000 "Sparkling Symphony" crib toys. They attach to the crib-side rail and play music and light up when activated. The battery compartment may leak, posing a risk of chemical burns to infants. The model number is 71985. The mobile was manufactured from 10/1999 to 11/2000. Item was sold nationwide from 12/1999 to 12/2001 for \$25.	Consumers should contact the company at 800.357.9460 or visit website at www.service.mattel.com to order the free repair kit if needed.
Infant Car Seats/Carriers	Dorel Juvenile Group Inc. is again recalling Cosco Arriva and Turnabout infant car seats/carriers. When used as a carrier, the handle locks can unexpectedly break causing the seat to unlatch and flip forward. A total of 1.2 million seats/carriers made from 3/1995 to 1/2000 are being recalled.	Consumers should continue using the seat/carriers as a car seat but should stop using it as a carrier immediately. Contact the company at 800.880.9435 or visit website at www.djgusa.com to receive a free repair kit.
May 2003		
Wooden convertible cribs	Baby's Dream Furniture Inc. is recalling 4,600 wooden convertible cribs to repair hinges on the drop gate. The three hinges along the fold	Consumers should call the company at 800.835.2742 or visit website at www.babysdream.com to obtain a repair kit for the hinges and/or latches or for specific instructions for examining their latches.

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	<p>down drop gate can crack or break allowing babies to have their fingers pinched. The cribs were manufactured from January to August 2001. The cribs were sold nationwide for between \$300 and \$400.</p>	
Toy vehicles	<p>International Playthings Inc. is recalling 126,000 toy vehicles. The small parts on the vehicles can detach, posing a choking hazard. The toys measure about 3-inches long and were sold in red, blue and yellow. The items were sold nationwide from 4/2003 to 3/2003 for about \$1.</p>	<p>Consumers should contact the company at 800.445.8347 or visit website at www.intplay.com/recall for a refund.</p>
Toy drumsticks	<p>Step2 Company is recalling 800 drumsticks. The tip of the drumstick can break off, posing a choking hazard. The drumsticks were sold with the Step 2 Toddle Tunes Big Band Drum Set, models 7135B2 and 7135KR. The items were sold nationwide from 2/2002 to 4/2003 for about \$30.</p>	<p>Consumers should contact the company at 800.347.8372 or visit website at www.step2.com for a replacement set of drumsticks.</p>
Bike helmets	<p>Catlike USA is recalling 2250 bicycle helmets. The helmets fail impact-testing standards. The helmets were sold in two sizes. The items were sold nationwide from 3/2002 to 2/2003 for about \$130.</p>	<p>Contact the company at 877.228.5646 or visit website at www.catlike-usa.com for information on receiving a free replacement helmet.</p>

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Children's Tumbler Cups	Starbucks is recalling 38,000 cups. When the flexible straw on the cups are chewed, small pieces of plastic can detach, posing a choking hazard. The item was sold from 4/2003 to 5/2003 for about \$7.	Caregivers must stop young children from using the cups. Contact the company at 800.235.2883 or visit website at www.starbuckscollectables.com . You may return item to Starbucks for a refund.
April 2003		
Plush bears/Snowman dolls	Dollar Tree Stores Inc. is recalling 407,000 plush bears and 221,000 snowman dolls. Buttons on these toys can be pulled off, creating a choking hazard. The 10-inch plush bear and snowman doll are dressed in hat and jacket and comes in various colors. The items were sold nationwide from 6/2002 to 3/2003.	Consumers should stop using the products immediately. Contact the company at 800.876.8077 for a refund or visit website at www.dollartree.com .
"Party Poppers"	TNT Fireworks is recalling 4,000 "Party Poppers". The "Party Poppers" are shaped like rockets with 3 1/2 inch wooden support sticks. When launched, the cone-shaped top can pop off rapidly, and can hit and injure both children and adults. The items were sold thru Wal-Mart nationwide from 1/2003 to 3/2003.	Consumers should stop using the product and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. Contact the company at 800.243.1189 for additional information.
"Crawl n'Stand Toys"	Playskool is recalling 300,000 "Magic Start Crawl 'n Stand" plastic toys. The multicolor	Consumers should stop using the product immediately. Contact the company at 800.509.9554 or visit website at www.playskool.com .

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	plastic toy has a round base and three arched legs that support an electronic activity center. The toy can tip over during use resulting in injuries. The item was sold thru Wal-Mart nationwide from 11/2002 to 4/2003.	
BMX Bicycles	Dynacraft Industries Inc. is recalling 52,900 BMX 20-inch bicycles. The stem on these bicycles can loosen during use, causing riders to fall. Two bicycles, model numbers 8535-99 and 8527-99 are targeted for recall. The bicycles were sold thru Wal-Mart and Pamida stores from 4/2002 to 4/2003.	Consumers should stop using the bicycles immediately. Contact the company at 800.288.1560 for a replacement stem or visit website at www.dynacraftbike.com .
Toy drumsticks	Battat Inc. is recalling 300,000 sets of toy drumsticks sold with Parents Bee Bop Band drum sets. The end piece of the drumstick handle may break off and the screw at the end of the drumstick can loosen and detach, posing a choking hazard. The centipede-shaped drumsticks are ten inches long. Models involved are PM9137T2 and PM91372 respectively. The items were sold from 11/2001 to 3/2003.	Consumers should immediately take the drumsticks away from young children. Contact the company at 866.617.9137 for replacement set. Note: Drum sets sold with sticker "NEW 2003" are not subject to the recall.
Little People Animal Sounds	Fisher-Price is recalling 67,000 Little People	Consumers should take the toy away immediately. Contact the company at

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Farm	Animal Sound Farms. The Sound Farms are shaped like a barn. Two metal screws that hold the toy "stall doors" may come off, posing a choking hazard. The items were sold nationwide from 7/2002 to 12/2002.	866.259.7873 or visit website at www.service.mattel.com .
March 2003		
Bicycle helmets	MOSA sports is recalling 1,250 bicycle helmets. The "Five 40" brand bicycle helmets failed impact-testing standards. Riders are not adequately protected from falls and could suffer head injuries. The helmets are black, white or red, and have the name "Five 40" printed on the helmet. Inside helmet label reads "990803" along with model name "540." The item sold nationwide from 10/1999 to 9/2001.	Consumers should stop using the helmets immediately. Contact the company at 800.804.0211 for a refund or free replacement helmet
Girls' hooded winter jackets	S. Rothschild & Co is recalling 37,000 girls' hooded winter jackets for repair, the rubber petal and metal snap can break off of the jacket, posing a choking hazard. The recalled jackets are blue, lilac, pink, raspberry and magenta. Various sizes are involved in this recall. The jacket label includes include the words, "Little Impressions", "Rothschild," "Izzi's Kids" or "Cloakwise"	Consumers should stop using the jackets immediately. Contact the company at 800.301.3411 to arrange for the jacket to be repaired and returned free of charge.

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	The item sold nationwide from 5/2002 to 12/2002.	
"Woody" dolls	Walt Disney Parks and Resorts are recalling 40,000 "Woody" dolls. The dolls clothing has buttons that can detach posing a choking hazard. The recalled doll is a cowboy named "Woody" and is 13 inches tall. These soft dolls were sold from 1/2000-1/2003.	Consumers should immediately remove doll away from children. Contact the company at 866.228.3664 to receive a full refund or visit their website: www.waltdisneyworld.com .
February 2003		
Vinyl Buckets	Playnation Play Systems is recalling 1400 "Fun Buckets." The vinyl bucket is attached to a 6 to 8 foot free hanging rope, which may become entangled around a child's neck. The recall involves "fun buckets" sold as an add-on option for background play sets. The 14 inch deep bucket is either yellow or green vinyl and has a black nylon strap attached as a rope. The item was sold nationwide from 2/1998 to 2/2003.	Consumers should take down "fun buckets" immediately. Contact the company at 770.792.9300 to receive instructions for returning item or visit their website at www.playset.com .
Baby Tubs/Step Stools	The First Years Inc. is providing a new instruction sheet for 120,000 "2-In-1 Fold-Away Tub and Step Stools." When used as a tub, body parts can be pinched if the footrest is not fully extended so that	Consumers should not use bathtub until receiving revised instructions. Contact the company at 800.533.6708 or visit their website at www.thefirstyears.com .

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	<p>it clicks into place firmly. The instructions will prevent further incidents. The model number is 3141. Products bearing date codes of 1999/2000 are included in this program. The item was sold nationwide from 1/1999 to 2/2002.</p>	
Plush Toys	<p>The Betesh Group is recalling 11,200 "Busy Bug" plush toys. The antennae can pose a choking hazard. "Smart Scents" and "Made In China" are printed on the label. The UPC code is 778267862920. The item was sold from 8/2002 to 1/2003.</p>	<p>Consumers should take away the toy immediately and mail to: The Betesh Group, One East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016, Attn: Consumer Relations to receive a refund. Additional information call 866.473.0118 anytime.</p>
Children's Board Book Sets	<p>Random House Inc. is recalling 360,000 children's book sets. The books were sold in cardboard boxes with plastic snaps. The snaps can detach, posing a choking hazard. The book set titles are "MONSTERS TO GO", "DISNEY PRINCESS," "DISNEY THE PRINCESS COLLECTION 2," "DISNEY'S WINNIE THE POOH-A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS," and "BARBIE FUN BOX." Only book sets with plastic snaps are involved in the recall. Book sets with metal snaps are not involved.</p>	<p>Consumers should immediately cut off the lid of the box with the plastic snaps and throw away the rest of the box. Send lid with plastic snaps to Tri-State, c/o Anthony Armetta, 325 Rabro Drive, Hauppauge, NY 11788 to receive replacement book set and a refund.</p>

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Soap Making Kits	Pace Products Inc. is recalling about 145,000 children's soap making kits. The soap may get too hot when heated in the microwave oven and leak from the tray mold posing a burn hazard. Kits were sold under the name of "Soap Making for Kids." The kit was sold at schools nationwide from 3/2000 to 11/2002 and bookstores from 3/1998 to 11/2002.	Consumers should take these kits away immediately. Contact the company at 800.541.7670 ext. 24 to receive instructions for returning item and refund, or visit their website at www.paceplace.com .
Stuffed Bears	Build-A-Bear Workshop is recalling about 80,000 "Founding Bear" stuffed bears. The nose of the stuffed bear can be pulled or twisted off, posing a choking hazard. The recall includes the "Founding Bear" and "Founding Bear 11." The item was sold between 3/2000 to 12/2002.	Consumers should take these stuffed bears away immediately. Contact the company at 800.236.5683 to receive instructions or visit their website at www.buildabear.com .
Portable Wood Cribs	Hufco-Delaware Company and Evenflo Company Inc are recalling 364,000 portable wood cribs. If the hardware used to assemble the crib is not tight, the mattress support platform and mattress can fall to the floor. The majority of these cribs are sold under the Gerry® or Evenflo® brand name. The items were sold nationwide from 01/1991 to 12/2002.	Consumers should stop using these cribs immediately. Contact the company at 800.582.9359 for a free upgrade kit or visit their website at www.evenflo.com .